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DEPARTMENTAL No.2.

FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Duff Cooper
No. 182 SAVING

25th July, 1947

R: 5.25 p.m. 26th July, 1947

Repeated to Bogota No. 3 (In Cypher).

~~SECRET~~

SECRET.

My telegram No. 729; President Warfield.

Colombian Counsellor yesterday informed His Majesty's Minister that he was about to protest to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that not only had the Colombian Embassy's communiqué of the 23rd July been ignored by French press, but that French official sources were still encouraging idea that Jews could, if they wished, proceed from France to Colombia.

2. Colombian Embassy were pursuing investigations of forged letter from their Consul at Marseilles to the Prefect of the Bouches du Rhône. The Prefecture had so far refused to show them the original document. Colombians were also investigating whether Prefect issued not merely exit visas, but also travel documents.

3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs had rejected Colombian Embassy's formal request that French Government should prosecute the Jewish organisation responsible for forgeries. Ministry suggested that the Embassy should themselves prosecute, and Embassy are now collecting necessary evidence for the purpose .

4. M. Bousquet of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs subsequently said that supporting action would be taken by the French Government but it was by no means clear what form this would take.

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Instructions regarding
President Warfield

Mr Duff Cooper
Paris
Y53
Y54
dated 26 July.

Refs to Paris 750 (E6733/48/C)

Last Paper.

(E6759)

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8) Action completed.

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W.H.

Next Paper.

(E6761)

(Minutes.)

These instructions have been modified
by our telegram nos. 1712 to Paris and
97 to Marseilles. Please attach and
re-submit (E6860/48/C)

[Signature]
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Now see E 6860

[Signature]
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See within.

1. Tel to Palestine from C.O. 1630 of 23/7.
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DEPARTMENTAL No. 2

FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Duff Cooper
No. 753

D. 2.05 p.m. 26th July 1947.

26th July 1947.

R. 3.20 p.m. 26th July 1947.

Repeated to Jerusalem
Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean
Marseilles

MOST IMMEDIATE rrrrrr

Foreign Office please repeat Most Immediate to Jerusalem as my telegram No. 21 and Most Immediate to Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean.

Secret.

My telegram No. 750.

President Warfield.

My immediately following telegram contains draft instructions we have prepared for His Majesty's Consul-General Marseilles.

2. If you approve please arrange for similar instructions to be sent to Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean and let us know immediately.

3. We shall press French to agree to deletion from communiqué of words "will not force them to disembark but" or failing that to have no communiqué at all, but we are not sanguine of success.

4. As it will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to prevent Committee representatives speaking to passengers on lines of the communiqué once ships have arrived we suggest that substance of the communiqué, stressing French offer of hospitality, should be disseminated among passengers at once in order to encourage them to land. May convey be instructed accordingly?

5. Please inform us who is the senior British officer in charge of the refugees, in what ship he is travelling, and any relevant details about British formation in charge of convey and refugees. We consider it important that His Majesty's Consul General should be able to discuss plans with senior British officer before disembarkation operation begins. Best arrangement would be for one of escorting ships to carry

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him ahead of convey to Marseilles where he would meet Consul General, say sometime on Monday morning July 28th. Naval Attaché will inform Ministry of Marine of His Majesty's Ships movement if you agree.

6. Please inform us how many stretcher cases there now are and in what condition.

[Copies sent to War Registry Admiralty and Telegraph Section Colonial Office for retransmission to Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean and Jerusalem respectively].

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Duff Cooper
No. 754

D. 2.40 p.m. 26th July 1947
R. 3.55 p.m. 26th July 1947

26th July 1947

Repeated to Jerusalem
Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean
Marseilles

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MOST IMMEDIATE
SECRET

My immediately preceding telegram: President Warfield.

Following are draft instructions to His Majesty's
Consul General at Marseilles.

You are responsible

(a) For representing His Majesty's Government on the
committee to be set up by the Prefect of the Bouches du Rhone.

(b) For ensuring liaison between the French and British
authorities concerned; for this purpose you should make the
earliest possible contact with the Senior British Officer
in charge of the refugees.

(c) For advising the Senior British Officer in the
light of the local situation.

2. The object to be achieved is to ensure the
voluntary transshipment into French tugs of the maximum
number of passengers. For this purpose, it will be important

(a) To ensure that the French authorities make their
offer of hospitality as attractive as possible.

(b) To ensure that this is fully understood by the
passengers.

(c) To encourage by all suitable means that an early
lead to disembark is given which will be followed by the rest.

3. It should be borne in mind

(a) That the putting ashore of passengers must be a
French operation for which the French authorities are
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entirely responsible.

(b) That in no circumstances should members of the British armed forces set foot on French soil.

(c) That every possible precaution must be taken to prevent a serious Anglo-French incident arising.

(d) That priority should be given to the landing of stretcher cases; for this purpose arrangements should be made to allow representatives of the International Red Cross Committee on board the transports. (This may in itself encourage a general move to land).

4. The main problems likely to arise are:

(a) Whether, in the event of a considerable number of passengers refusing to disembark, they should be forcibly placed in the tugs (or landing-craft) provided by the French. It will be for you to decide, basing yourself on the temper of the French authorities with whom you are in contact, at what point to advise the Senior British Officer to use such force.

(b) What action should be taken if persons forcibly embarked refuse to land and are returned to the transports by the French authorities. In this event, you should advise the British Commander to take them back on board.

(c) What should be done with passengers who never leave the transports or are returned to them by the French authorities. Subject to any further instructions received from the Foreign Office you should advise the Senior British Officer to hold them and await instructions for departure. This period may amount to some days and in the meanwhile he should use every endeavour to induce them to land.

Foreign Office please repeat Most Immediate to Jerusalem as my telegram No. 22 and Most Immediate to Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean.

[Copies sent to Admiralty and to Colonial Office for repetition to Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean and Jerusalem respectively]

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TO PALESTINE (General Sir A. Cunningham)

FROM S. OF S., COLONIES.

Sent 23rd July, 1947. 18.30 hrs.

MOST IMMEDIATE
No.1630 Top Secret.

Addressed High Commissioner, Palestine.
Repeated Governor, Cyprus, No. 366.
" C.-in-C. Mediterranean.
" P.S.T.O. Mediterranean.
" C.-in-C. M.E.L.F.

Your telegrams Nos. 1382 and 1390, not repeated to Governor, Cyprus.

Illegal Immigration.

Question of evidence as to ports at which two ships mentioned embarked passengers has been considered here, but sufficient proof for representations to foreign Governments unfortunately cannot be established. It would, therefore, be extremely difficult to apply principle of refoulement in their cases, even if adequate transports were available.

2. In the circumstances it appears that the immigrants will have to be taken to Cyprus.

3. I will telegraph separately regarding additional transports.

(Copies sent to War Office and Admiralty for transmission to Mediterranean addresses).

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**TOP SECRET
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(Messages marked O.T.P. need not be paraphrased.)

FROM: War Office

DTO 281115 B/Jul
Desp. 28 Jul. 47

TO : C-in-C MELF

TOP SECRET 92058 (MO4)

ONE You will have seen signal from C-in-C MED afloat 271232C. The following signal has been sent by Foreign Office to Consul General MARSEILLES.

BEGINS

My telegram No. 1712 and Paris telegram No. 754 (of 26th July: President Warfield).

I confirm the instructions contained in paragraphs 1.2 and 3 of Paris telegram No 754 as amended by my telegram No. 1712.

2. After careful consideration it has been decided to revise instructions in para 4 of Paris telegram No. 754 in order:

- (a) to define precisely the respective responsibilities of yourself and O.C. Troops,
- (b) to allow you the exercise of discretion within clearly stated limits.

3. You should, therefore, in place of instructions in para 4 of Paris telegram No 754 substitute the following.

4. Begins. It seems possible that the following problems may arise, calling for a decision on the spot.

- (a) If the immigrants refuse to leave the ships for the tugs, at what stage should force be employed? You should of course give O.C. Troops the benefit of your advice on this point, but the responsibility for a decision lies with him.

- (b) If the immigrants refuse to leave the tugs for French soil, what action should be taken?

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5. In this connection you should bear in mind that it is most important that all Jews should be disembarked. On success of operations depends effective establishment of principle of REFOULEMENT, which should have very great effect in discouraging future illegal immigration. Besides, any Jews remaining on board the ships could only be taken to Cyprus as there is no other possible destination for them, and this, after all that has taken place would make most unfortunate impression of weakness which should at all costs be avoided.

6. Disembarkation from the tugs will be an exclusively French responsibility. However their failure to transfer the passengers from the tugs to the land may threaten the success of the purely British operation of transferring them from the ships to the tugs in two possible ways. Either:

- (i) The French may request us to take these passengers back on board the ships, or,
- (ii) There may be no empty tugs left.

You should not agree to the French request envisaged in (i) above, unless you and O.C. Troops consider that this is actually necessary to promote the success of the operation. As regards (ii), above, you should advise O.C. Troops in the light of circumstances prevailing (and with the objective of ensuring the success of operation). Situation might for example justify demand to local French authorities for permission for ships to go alongside or, alternatively, it may be necessary to postpone proceedings until French authorities make more tugs available.

7. With ref to para 3 of Paris telegram 755 you have discretion in event of danger of very grave incident to advise O.C. Troops temporarily to hold up disembarkation but operation should on no account be abandoned without express instructions from LONDON.

8. In connection with para 4 of Paris telegram No 753 and para 2 of Paris telegram No. 754 we hope French committee will not go on board at all. O.C. Troops should, therefore, if he considers this will

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(c) To encourage by all suitable means that an early lead to disembark is given which will be followed by the rest.

3. It should be borne in mind:

(a) That the putting ashore of passengers from the tugs must be a French operation for which the French authorities are entirely responsible.

(b) That in no circumstances should members of the British armed forces set foot on French soil.

(c) That every possible precaution must be taken to prevent a serious Angl-French incident arising.

(d) That priority should be given to the landing of stretcher cases; for this purpose arrangements should be made to allow representatives of the International Red Cross Committee on board the transports. (This may in itself encourage a general move to land).

TEXT ENDS,

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promote success of operation, make a statement to passengers as indicated in my telegram No. 1709 to Paris and insure that this is disseminated throughout all ships as early as possible.

9. I presume that necessary arrangements are being made to maintain constant contact between yourself and O.C. Troops throughout operation.

10. I would again emphasise that the operation will be successful only if all Jews are disembarked.

11. These instructions have been agreed by War Office and Admiralty.

Text of Foreign Office telegram ends.

TWO Instructions referred to in first para of Foreign Office telegram read as follows:

TEXT BEGINS:

You are responsible

(a) For representing His Majesty's Government on the committee to be set up by the Prefect of the Bouches du Rhone.

(b) For ensuring liaison between the French and British authorities concerned; for this purpose you should make the earliest possible contact with the Senior British Officer in charge of the refugees.

(c) For advising the Senior British Officer in the light of the local situation.

2. The object to be achieved is to ensure the transshipment, if possible voluntarily into French tugs of the maximum number of passengers. For this purpose, it will be important:

(a) To ensure that the French authorities make their offer of hospitality as attractive as possible.

(b) To ensure that this is fully understood by the passengers.

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PARIS

Telegram.

No. 1712

(Date) July 26th

Repeat to:-

MARSEILLES (Immediat)
No. 96
C. in C. (Immediat)

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JERUSALEM No. ---

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your telegrams nos. 753 and 754 [of 26th July: "President Garfield"

We agree to proposal in para 5 of your tel. no. 753 and presume that you will secure French consent in spite of para. (D) of your tel. no. 750.

2. We agree to paras 1, 2 and 3 of your tel. no. 754 subject to the following amendments already agreed by telephone:

(a) In first sentence of para. 2 for the words "voluntary transhipment" substitute "transhipment, if possible voluntarily"

(b)

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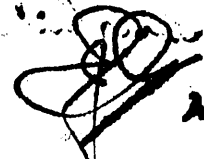
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16 (b) In para. 3(A) insert
the words "from the kugs"
between "passengers" and
"must be".

3. ~~Our earlier telegram~~
In connection with
para. 4 of your telegram no.
753 please see our
telegram no. 1709. We should
prefer not to ~~move on~~ to
await French reply before
taking any action.

4. We ~~are~~ are very
doubtful, however, about
~~the~~ para. 4 of your
telegram no. 754 (repeat 754).
In view of its operational
implications, we are consulting
the War Office and will
telegraph agreed instructions
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DEPARTMENTAL No. 2

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO PARIS

No. 1712

D. 10.00 p.m. 26th July, 1947

26th July, 1947

Repeated to: **Marseilles (Immediate) No. 96,**
Commander in Chief Mediterranean (Immediate)
Jerusalem

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IMMEDIATE

SECRET

Your telegrams Nos. 753 and 754 [of 26th July: "President Warfield"].

We agree to proposal in paragraph 5 of your telegram No. 753 and presume that you will secure French consent in spite of paragraph (D) of your telegram No. 750.

2. We agree to paragraphs 1, 2 and 5 of your telegram No. 754 subject to the following amendments already agreed by telephone:

(a) In first sentence of paragraph 2 for the words "voluntary transhipment", substitute "transhipment, if possible voluntarily".

(b) In paragraph 3 (a) insert the words "from the tugs" between "passengers" and "must be".

3. In connexion with paragraph 4 of your telegram No. 753 please see our telegram No. 1709. We should prefer to await French reply before taking any action.

4. We are very doubtful, however, about paragraph 4 of your telegram No. 754 (repeat 754). In view of its operational implications, we are consulting the War Office and will telegraph agreed instructions on 27th July.

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My telegram No. 1712 and Paris telegram No. 754 (of 26th July: President Warfield).

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MARSEILLES.

I confirm the instructions contained in paragraphs 1.2 and 3 of Paris telegram N. 754 as amended by my telegram No. 1712.

Telegram.

No. *97*

(Date) *July 27th*

Repeat to: *1721*

2. After careful consideration it has been decided to revise instructions in

para 4 of Paris telegram No. 754 in order:

Paris (Most immed)
C. in C. Mediterranean (Most immed)
Jerusalem
[C. in C M.E.L.F.]
(Most Immediate)

(a) to define precisely the respective responsibilities of yourself and O.C. Troops.

(b) to allow you the exercise of discretion within clearly stated limits.

[W.O. and ADTY. have already had copies for refutation to C. in C. Med. and C. in C. M.E.L.F. Comm. Dept. need only repeat to Paris and Jerusalem]

3. You should, therefore, in place of instructions in para 4 of Paris tel. No 754 substitute the following.

4. Begins. It seems possible that the following problems may arise, calling for a decision on the spot:

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(a) If the immigrants refuse to leave the ships for the tugs, at what stage should force be employed? You should of course give O.C. Troops the benefit of your advice on this point, but the responsibility for a decision lies with him.

(b) If the immigrants refuse to leave the tugs for French soil, what action should be taken?

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195. In this connection you should bear in mind that it is most important that all Jews should be disembarked. On success of operation depends effective establishment of principle of REFOULEMENT, ~~and~~ which should have very great effect in discouraging future illegal immigration. Besides, any Jews remaining on board the ships could only be taken to Cyprus as there is no other possible destination for them, and this, after all that has taken place, would make most unfortunate impression of weakness which should at all costs be avoided.

6. Disembarkation from the tugs will be an exclusively French responsibility, ~~unless~~ *However,* ~~and until~~ their failure to transfer the passengers from the tugs to the land ^{may} ~~threaten~~ ~~the success of~~ the purely British operation of transferring them from the ships to the tugs. ~~The latter situation may arise in one of two~~ *possible* ways. Either:

- (i) The French may request us to take these passengers back on board the ships, or,
- (ii) There may be no empty tugs left.

You should not agree to the French request envisaged in (i) above, unless you and O.C. troops consider that this is actually necessary to promote the success of the operation. As regards (ii) above, you should advise O.C. troops in the light of circumstances prevailing (and with the objective of ensuring the success of operation). Situation might for example justify demand to local French authorities for permission for ships to go alongside or, alternatively, it may be necessary to postpone proceedings until

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French authorities make more tugs available.

Telegram.

No.....

(Date).....

Repeat to :—

7. With ref to para 3 of Paris telegram 755 you have discretion in event of danger of very grave incident to advise O.C. troops temporarily to hold up disembarkation, ~~proceeding~~, but operation should on no account be abandoned without express instructions from London.

8. In connection with para 4 of Paris telegram No753 and para 2 of Paris telegram No. 754, we hope French committee will not go on board at all. O.C. troops, should, therefore, if he considers this will promote success of operation, make a statement to passengers as indicated in my telegram No.1709 to Paris and ²ensure that this is disseminated throughout all ships as early as possible.

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9. I presume that necessary arrangements are being made to maintain constant contact between yourself and O.C. troops throughout operation .

10. I would emphasize once more that operation will only be fully successful when all Jews have disembarked.

11. These instructions have been agreed by War Office and Admiralty.

Copies to :—

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ADSD TO MARSEILLES TEL NO 97 OF JULY 27TH RPTD PARIS AND JERUSALEM.
SECRET.

MYTEL NO 1712 AND PARIS TEL NO 754 (OF JULY 26TH: PRESIDENT WARFIELD).
I CONFIRM THE INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN PARAS 1 2 & 3 OF PARIS TEL 754
AS AMENDED BY MY TEL 1712.

2. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO REVISE INSTRUCTIONS
IN PARA 4 OF PARIS TEL 754 IN ORDER:

(A) TO DEFINE PRECISELY THE RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF YRSELF AND
O.C. TROOPS.

(B) TO ALLOW YOU THE EXERCISE OF DISCRETION WITHIN CLEARLY STATED
LIMITS.

3. YOU SHD., THEREFORE, IN PLACE OF INSTRUCTIONS IN PARA 4 OF PARIS TEL
NO 754 SUBSTITUTE THE FLLG.

4. BEGINS. IT SEEMS POSSIBLE THT THE FLLG PROBLEMS MAY ARISE, CALLING
FOR A DECISION ON THE SPOT:

(A) IF THE IMMIGRANTS REFUSE TO LEAVE THE SHIPS FOR THE TUGS, AT WHAT
STAGE SHD FORCE BE EMPLOYED? YOU SHD OF COURSE GIVE O C TROOPS
THE BENEFIT OF YR ADVICE ON THIS POINT, BUT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A
DECISION LIES WITH HIM.

(B) IF THE IMMIGRANTS REFUSE TO LEAVE THE TUGS FOR FRENCH SOIL, WHAT
ACTION SHD BE TAKEN?

5. IN THIS CONNECTION YOU SHD BEAR IN MIND THT IT IS MOST IMPORTANT
THT ALL JEWS SHD BE DISEMBARKED, ON SUCCESS OF OPERATION DEPENDS
EFFECTIVE ESTABLISHMENT OF PRINCIPLE OF REFOULMENT, WCH SHD HAVE A
VERY GREAT EFFECT IN DISCOURAGING FUTURE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.
BESIDES, ANY JEWS REMAINING ON BOARD THE SHIPS CLD ONLY BE TAKEN TO
CYPRUS AS THERE IS NO OTHER POSSIBLE DESTINATION FOR THEM, AND THIS
AFTER ALL THT HAS TAKEN PLACE, WLD MAKE MOST UNFORTUNATE IMPRESSION OF
WEAKNESS WCH AT ALL COSTS SHD BE AVOIDED.

6. DISEMBARKATION FRM THE TUGS WILL BE AN EXCLUSIVELY FRENCH RESPONSIBIL:
HOWEVER, THEIR FAILURE TO TRANSFER THE PASSENGERS FRM THE TUGS TO THE
LAND MAY THREATEN THE SUCCESS OF THE PURELY BRITISH OPERATION OF
TRANSFERRING THEM FRM THE SHIPS TO THE TUGS IN TWO POSSIBLE WAYS, EITHER
(1) THE FRENCH MAY REQUEST US TO TAKE THESE PASSENGERS BACK ON BOARD
THE SHIPS, OR,

(2) THERE MAY BE NO EMPTY TUGS LEFT, YOU SHD NOT AGREE TO THE FRENCH
REQUEST ENVISAGED IN (1) ABOVE, UNLESS YOU AND O C TROOPS CONSIDER
-THT THIS IS ACTUALLY NECESSARY TO PROMOTE THE SUCCESS OF THE OPERATION.
AS REGARDS (2) ABOVE, YOU SHD ADVISE O C TROOPS IN THE LIGHT OF CIRCS
PREVAILING (AND WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ENSURING THE SUCCESS OF THE
OPERATION).

SITUATION MIGHT FOR EXAMPLE JUSTIFU DEMAND TO LOCAL FRENCH ANTHORITIES
FOR PERMISSION FOR SHIPS TO GO ALONGSIDE OR, ALTERNATIVELY, IT MAY
BE NECESSARY TO POSTPONE PROCEEDINGS UNTIL FRENCH ANTHORITES MAKE MORE
TUGS AVAILABLE.

7. WITH REFERENCE TO PARA 3 OF PARIS TEL 755 YOU HAVE DISCRETION IN EVEN
OF DANGER OF VERY GRAVE INCIDENT TO ADVISE O C RTROOPS TEMPORARILY TO
HOLD UP DISEMBARKATION, BUT OPERATION SHD ON NO ACCOUNT BE ABANDONED WIT
EXPRESS INSTRUVCTIONS FRM LONDON.

8. IN CONNECTION WITH PARA 4 OF PARIS TEL 753 AND PARA 2 OF PARIS TEL
754 WE HOPE FRENCH CTTEE WILL NOT GO ON BOARD AT ALL. O C TROOPS WED
THEREFORE IF HE CONSIDERS THIS WILL PROMOTE SUCCESS OF THE OPERATION,
MAKE A STATEMENT TO PASSENGERS AS INDICATED IN MYTEL 1709 TO PARIS
AND ENSURE THT THIS IS DISSEMINATED THROUGHOUT ALL SHIPS AS EARLY
AS POSS.

9. I PRSUME THT NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO MAINTAIN CONSTANT
CONTACT BETWEEN YRSELF AND O C TROOPS THROUGHOUT OPERATION.

10. I WLD EMPHASIZE ONCE MORE THT OPERATION WILL ONLY BE FULLY SUCCESSFUL

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO MARSEILLES.

No. 97

27th July 1947. D. 9.40 p.m. 27th July 1947.

Repeated to:

- Paris No. 1721 (Most Immediate).
- Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean (Most Immediate)
- Jerusalem
- Commander-in-Chief M.E.L.F. (Most Immediate)

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My telegram No. 1712 and Paris telegram No. 754 [of 26th July: President Warfield].

I confirm the instructions contained in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Paris telegram No. 754 as amended by my telegram No. 1712.

2. After careful consideration it has been decided to revise instructions in paragraph 4 of Paris telegram No. 754 in order:

(a) to define precisely the respective responsibilities of yourself and O.C. Troops,

(b) to allow you the exercise of discretion within clearly stated limits.

3. You should, therefore, in place of instructions in paragraph 4 of Paris telegram No. 754 substitute the following.

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It seems possible that the following problems may arise, calling for a decision on the spot:

(a) If the immigrants refuse to leave the ships for the tugs, at what stage should force be employed? You should of course give O.C. Troops the benefit of your

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advice on this point, but the responsibility for a decision lies with him.

(b) If the immigrants refuse to leave the tugs for French soil, what action should be taken?

5. In this connexion you should bear in mind that it is most important that all Jews should be disembarked. On success of operation depends effective establishment of principle of Refoulement, which should have very great effect in discouraging future illegal immigration. Besides, any Jews remaining on board the ships could only be taken to Cyprus as there is no other possible destination for them, and this, after all that has taken place, would make most unfortunate impression of weakness which should at all costs be avoided.

6. Disembarkation from the tugs will be an exclusively French responsibility. However, their failure to transfer the passengers from the tugs to the land may threaten the success of the purely British operation of transferring them from the ships to the tugs in two possible ways. Either:

(i) The French may request us to take these passengers back on board the ships, or,

(ii) There may be no empty tugs left. You should not agree to the French request envisaged in (i) above, unless you and O.C. Treeps consider that this is actually necessary to promote the success of the operation. As regards (ii) above, you should advise O.C. Treeps in the light of circumstances prevailing (and with the objective of ensuring the success of the operation). Situation might for example justify demand to local French authorities for permission for ships to go alongside or, alternatively, it may be necessary to postpone proceedings until French authorities make more tugs available.

7. With reference to paragraph 5 of Paris telegram No. 755 you have discretion in event of danger of very grave incident to advise O.C. Treeps temporarily to hold up disembarkation, but operation

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should on no account be abandoned without express instructions from London.

8. In connexion with paragraph 4 of Paris telegram No. 755 and paragraph 2 of Paris telegram No. 754, we hope French committee will not go on board at all. O.C. Treeps, should, therefore, if he considers this will promote success of operation, make a statement to passengers as indicated in my telegram No. 1709 to Paris and ensure that this is disseminated throughout all ships as early as possible.

9. I presume that necessary arrangements are being made to maintain constant contact between yourself and O.C. Treeps throughout operation.

10. I would emphasise once more that operation will only be fully successful when all Jews have disembarked.

11. These instructions have been agreed by War Office and Admiralty.

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No. 99

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My telegram no. 97 of 27th July: "President Warfield" at end of para. 6 of my telegram under reference please add the word: "Ends."

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IMPORTANT

My telegram No. 97 [of 27th July.
"President Warfield"]

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<p>Last Paper. (E6760)</p>	<p>(Minutes.) On para. 2 please see E 6763.</p>	
<p>References.</p>	<p>On para. 3 please see our telegram no. 77 to Marseilles in E <i>[Signature]</i> 28/7</p>	
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FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Duff Cooper D. 8.00 p.m. 26th July 1947
No. 755 R. 9.10 p.m. 26th July 1947

26th July 1947
Repeated to Marseilles
Jerusalem
Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean

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Your telegram No. 1709: President Warfield.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs state that instructions having now been issued to all authorities with the express approval of Prime Minister it will be very difficult to obtain formal modification at this late stage. They have, however, instructed their representative on the committee immediately on arrival in Marseilles tomorrow (27th July) to inform Prefect that British Officer in Charge of Warfield's passengers considers that they will disembark peacefully provided that no outside propaganda reaches them. He is to say that in view of this new information it is surely better that the persons going on board on arrival should be confined to usual police and health officials, together with representatives of International Red Cross and I.G.C. who will help with removal of stretcher cases. If he cannot secure this he is to try to get proposed message suppressed altogether or at very least modified in accordance with your wishes.

2. We cannot be sure that this will come off but we shall rely on His Majesty's Consul-General and Mr. Coulson (who leaves for Marseilles by air 27th July) to try to carry point in the committee.

3. Your telegram No. 1701. We have throughout reserved the right to use force in the last resort and have reiterated it today in the presence of official who will represent Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Committee. You may nevertheless still want to consider whether British Officer in Charge of the operation and His Majesty's Consul-General in consultation should not be granted latitude to call off physical operations if there appears to be danger of very grave incident of a character which we cannot foresee but which may call for an immediate decision on the spot.

Foreign Office please pass Immediate to Jerusalem as my telegram No. 25 and Most Immediate to C-in-C Mediterranean.

[Copies sent to Admiralty and Colonial Office for repetition to C-in-C Mediterranean and Jerusalem]

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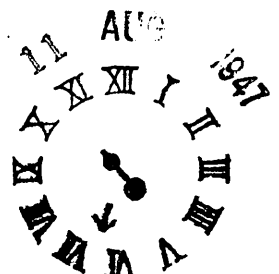
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My telegram No. 755 to Foreign Office.
President Warfield.

Senior military officer will arrive Marseilles first
light Monday 28th July on Cardigan Bay to meet you.
Cardigan Bay will bring him back to convoy before its
arrival at destination.

2. French have agreed to above but are considering
our further proposal that Cardigan Bay enter Marseilles
during disembarkation to act as link between senior naval
officer of escorts and transport in harbour through you.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO PARIS

No. 1709

D. 3.15 p.m. 26th July 1947

26th July 1947

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Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean (Most Immediate)

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Commander-in-Chief M.E.L.F.

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Your telegrams Nos. 747, 749 and 750 [of 25th July:
"President Warfield"].

While general arrangements decided upon by French Government seem quite satisfactory, I am very much concerned about arrangements for committee to go on board and make statement on the lines indicated in paragraph (e) of your telegram No. 750.

2. It would be far preferable that committee do not go on board at all, but if this cannot be prevented, then it is of utmost importance that statement should be amended to omit the objectionable phrases "French Government..... will not force them to disembark", "will give refuge to all who disembark voluntarily . Those who decide to disembark and the whole of the last sentence.

3. It is of course for His Majesty's Government to arrange disembarkation and for the French Government to arrange reception when they have left the ship and French Government must not interfere with our part of the operation. It is intention of His Majesty's Government that everything possible should be done to ensure voluntary and peaceful disembarkation of the passengers (see in this connexion my telegram No. 1707), but His Majesty's Government must reserve the right, if the passengers resist, to use such force as is necessary. In any event, no encouragement must be given to the passengers not (repeat not) to disembark.

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4. Please make urgent and pressing representations to the French Government on this matter. You should in the first instance urge the French Government to agree that the committee should not go aboard the vessels. If, however, they insist on this you should urge that the proposed statement is modified in the sense indicated above.

5. We should be prepared if necessary to accept statement on following lines:-

"French Government wish to make known to the immigrants who were on board the "Exodus 1947" that they will give them refuge on French soil, where they will enjoy all the freedom etc. etc." - and delete the final sentence beginning "In consequence.....".

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Mr Duff Cooper
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Message for Admiralty.

Dated 27 July
Received 28 July.

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FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Duff Cooper.
No. 756.

D. 12.15 p.m. 27th July 1947.

27th July 1947.

R. 1.17 p.m. 27th July 1947.

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Please pass following to Admiralty.

To: Admiralty (R) D 3, H.M.S. Cardigan
Bay, C. in C. Mediterranean Malta.

President Warfield.

C. in C. Mediterranean 270152.

2. French Authorities at Marseilles and Toulon
have been advised by Marine [gp. undec.] that Cardigan
Bay will arrive Marseilles at first light on
Monday 28th and will leave after Conference.

3. Decision on paragraph 1 of C. in C.
Mediterranean (Afloat) 261629 will be made tomorrow
Monday.

4. Admiralty pass to all addressees. 271120Z.

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<p>Last Paper. (E6762)</p>	<p>bpp c.o. (Minutes.) tell me that we can safely give assurance requested in para. 2. Telegram sent accordingly. Please attach and re-submit.</p>	
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FROM MARSEILLES TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Kay
No. 106.

July 27th, 1947.

D. 6.45 p.m. July 27th, 1947.

R. 11.55 p.m. July 27th, 1947.

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President Warfield.

We have had a preliminary talk with Prefect's Deputy who is in charge of operations. Representative of Ministry of Interior was also present. French seem to have abandoned the idea of the whole Committee going aboard; visit will be confined to normal sanitary and police inspections.

2. It is their intention that before permitting disembarkation of volunteers, police should briefly check their identity to make sure that no one disembarks who did not leave on the President Warfield. We can hardly object to this, but have pointed out that passengers have probably thrown all papers overboard. To avoid difficulties may we give formal assurance that there was no possibility of any other passenger getting into the three transports? Was transfer from the President Warfield effected at sea? This assurance if it can be given should perhaps also be communicated to French Government by His Majesty's Embassy Paris.

3. Foreign Office please repeat IMMEDIATE to Jerusalem and Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean.

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Your telegram no. 106 [of 27th July: President Warfield]

You may certainly give formal assurance mentioned in para. 2 of your telegram under reference.

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Your telegram No. 106 [of 27th July: President Warfield].

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Your telegram No. 106 [of 27th July: President Warfield].

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His Majesty's Ambassador presents his compliments to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and has the honour to transmit herewith copies of the under-mentioned paper.

BRITISH EMBASSY,
CAIRO.

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28th July, 1947.

Reference to previous communication: E 9.

Your Printed Despatch No. 473 of 11.7.47.

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FROM: His Majesty's Consul General, Alexandria. No. 32/10/2 of 23.7.47.	s.s. AMAL is Palestinian and not Panamanian.
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26th July, 1947

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My telegram No. 287. [gp. undec.] weekly report.

No change in shipping situation.

Foreign Office please repeat to Jerusalem as my telegram No. 12.

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From: H.M. Consul General, Alexandria.

To: Embassy, Cairo.

Saving telegram No. 5, SECRET.

1030 hours - 23rd July, 1947.

Addressed Cairo, reference despatch No. 27, repeated S.O.(I), Port Said.

Reference suspect weekly shipping list No. 10, received on July 19th.

It is understood that s.s. AMAL is Palestinian and not Panamanian as shown on Page 8 of list.

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<p>E6785/48/G M. J. J. J. Stockholm 564 Dated 26 July Received 28 July</p>	<p>newish immigrants from Sweden Message for D.N.I.</p>	
<p>Last Paper. E6784 References.</p>	<p>(Minutes.) Reported to Paris N.F.S know nothing of this ship. She does not appear very dangerous. J 31/7</p>	
<p>(Print.)</p>		
<p>Reported to Paris 31 July 8) 11P 30 July</p>		
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FROM STOCKHOLM TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Jerram
No. 584

D. 1.27 p.m. 26th July 1947.
R. 6 p.m. 26th July 1947.

26th July 1947.

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For Director of Naval Intelligence from Naval
Attaché.

Subject Jewish immigrants.

2. S.S. Kastelholm, Swedish American line 453 nett tons. A valuable ship unlikely to be hazarded or wilfully stranded as it has not been bought by a Jewish organisation.
3. Sailed from Stockholm July 20th for France.
4. Carried 90 Jewish youngsters ages 8 to 17 reputed orphans who came from German concentration camps 1945.
5. Party under 20 adult leaders, which number seems relatively large.
6. Stated that party will remain in France some time to complete education before going on to Palestine on legal immigration quota.
7. Organiser here Dr. Michael through Mesaiska Forsamlingen.
8. Admiralty please inform Foreign Office.

Sent 261000.

[Copies sent to Director of Naval Intelligence].

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<p>E 6786/48/G Mr Hudson Casablanca to 2 DEP 119-8/47 Dated 16 July.</p>	<p>Information regarding activities of Panamanian owned steamer, "Valena" 46</p>	
<p>Last Paper. E6785</p>	<p>(Minutes.) Copies: C.O. (Mr. Higham) M.I.5 (Mr. Lohren) Cabinet Office (Cdr. Evered)</p>	
<p>References. E5958/84/31</p>	<p>This seems to clear her.</p>	
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BRITISH CONSULATE

CASABLANCA 31 JUL 1947

Morocco.

16th July 1947.

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Dear Department,

With reference to Foreign Office secret telegram No. 1474 to Paris and repeated to Casablanca as No. 19 of 11th July, on the subject of the possible activities of the Panamanian-owned steamer, "Valena", in transporting Jews to Casablanca, the following is the result of my enquiries:

The Casablanca Police Commissioner informed me that the "Valena" - a yacht-type of ship - is managed by the Cie. de Navigation Paquet and makes the run as often as possible between Casablanca and Marseilles for the purpose of easing the congestion in passenger traffic between here and France. Its last arrival here was 10th July when it carried about 100 passengers, mainly civil servants returning from leave in France. It is expected back here towards 20th July with a similar passenger list.

You may be aware that the Protectorate Government envisaged earlier in the year importing some 6,000 badly needed industrial technicians, but the Police Commissioner told me that this number has since been reduced to about 1,200 and that they were to be recruited from amongst displaced persons in Europe. Of this number about 80 came here by the "Valena" a little over a month ago. They have no nationality - possibly several of them are Jews, and it may be this fact which gave rise to the report which was the basis of your telegram above-mentioned. The Police Commissioner added that he was watching very closely any Jewish movements in or out and would keep me informed of anything coming to his knowledge in this connection.

In view of the negative nature of this information I have not reported by telegram and I trust this will meet with your approval.

I am sending copies of this letter to the British Embassy, Paris, and to the Acting Consul General, Rabat.

Yours ever,

John Henderson

Western Department,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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<p>E6788/48/G Mr Rennie H/Transport to Mr Cable dated 24 July Received 28 July</p>	<p>Legal immigration - colour Trade</p>	
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28 JUN 1947

24th July, 1947

Dear Cable,

"COLONY TRADER"

... You will be interested to see the attached cable received from our Shipping Attache in Washington, to which I referred at yesterday's meeting of the Working Party.

No answer is called for from this Department, but it is assumed the Embassy will be reporting to the Foreign Office in due course.

Yours sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]

J. E. Cable, Esq.,
Foreign Office.

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FROM WASHINGTON TO MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

Mr. Balfour. D: 4.23 p.m. 21st July, 1947.
No. 517 MAST.
21st July, 1947. R: 11.45 p.m. 21st July, 1947.

IMPORTANT

Following for Harrison,

Your Masts 719 and 725.

1. We have informed attorney for owners of "Colony Trader" that there is nothing that we can do here and that action can only be taken in Gibraltar.
2. Attorney has, however, requested that we inform you of a letter dated July 9th he has addressed to the Embassy. This reads as follows:

"I am authorised by the owners of the S/S Colony Trader, detained at Gibraltar since May 23rd on suspicion of future use in connexion with illegal immigration into Palestine, to assure the British Government that the vessel intends to proceed to Genoa to discharge her cargo of scrap (used and worn) rubber tyres, there to discharge her crew which was signed on in the United States, there to repair the vessel and then to use her in cargo trade between Red Sea ports and French North African ports.

Further, if the vessel is sold the owner will notify the British Government at whatever office it may designate, the name and address of the prospective purchaser and port of delivery and will require a warranty from the purchaser that the vessel will not be used in connexion with any illegal immigration into Palestine.

At Genoa the owner intends to sign on a European crew and to repatriate the American crew because of the great disparity in crew wages. As near as the owner has been able to learn, the difficulty at Gibraltar arose through disagreement between the Master and certain members of the crew. In an apparent attempt to embarrass the Master one or more members of the crew thereupon circulated false and malicious statements as to the intended use of the vessel. Claim has already been made by (sic) the cargo for \$200,000 damages and the out of pocket expenses already incurred by the owners by reason of this detention have been ruinous.

I am advised that the owner of the vessel is the Transamerica Compania de Navegacion, S.A., a Panamanian Corporation and that the vessel flies the Costa Rican flag. The stock ownership of the company, I am also informed, is owned in its entirety by a citizen of the United States."

Sir C. Hurcomb
Mr. W. G. Weston
Mr. W. Graham
Shipping Relations (4)
Mr. K. T. Harrison

D. O. S. T.
Mr. G. H. McNeil
Mr. B. E. Bellamy (2)
Mr. F. C. Rennie
Miss A. N. Simon

Mr. J. Higham (Comm: Rel:)
Mr. H. Mellanby Action
Mr. P. F. Rogers
Mr. E. T. Gill
Mr. R. B. Lang

Mr. B. Honour
Mr. W. J. Killingback
M. T. R. (6) Ext 2694.

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Washington Embassy
from
Eastern Dept.


Dear Shansky,

We have seen a copy
of your telegram no. 517 MAST
to the Ministry of Transport about
the the S.S. "Solway Trader", at present
detained at Gibraltar under suspicion
of complicity in the Jewish
illegal immigration traffic to
Palestine.

2. We should be grateful
for any further information which
you may be able to give
about her owners.

Yours ever

Eastern Dept.


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FOREIGN OFFICE, S. W. 1.

1st August, 1947.

(E 6788/48/G)

Dear Chancery,

We have seen a copy of your telegram No. 517 MAST to the Ministry of Transport about the s.s. "Colony Trader", at present detained at Gibraltar under suspicion of complicity in the Jewish illegal immigration traffic to Palestine.

2. We should be grateful for any further information which you may be able to give about her owners.

Yours ever,

EASTERN DEPARTMENT.

The Chancery,
British Embassy,
Washington.

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PALESTINE

Registry Number } E6795/48/31

TELEGRAM FROM U.K. Delegation to U.N.

No. New York.

Dated 102 Saw.

Received in Registry } 25 July

29 July

Illegal Immigration

Refers New York tel. 1538 of 5th June (E4830/48/31).

Gives list of comments on illegal immigration received by Secretariat from member states.

Last Paper.

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U.N. (P.L. Depts.)

J. E. Cable
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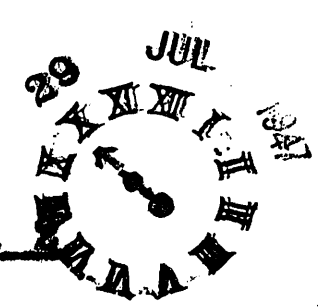
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FROM NEW YORK TO FOREIGN OFFICE

(From Permanent United Kingdom Representative to United Nations)

No. 102 Saving

25th July, 1947

R. 4.35 p.m. 28th July, 1947.

Repeated to High Commissioner Jerusalem No. 1 (Saving)
Washington No. 1812 (Saving)

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My telegram No. 1538 [of 5th June].

Palestine Immigration.

Secretariat have received further acknowledgements as follows:-

Argentina. "Have never interfered with internal problems of Palestine, maintaining vis-a-vis this arduous problem a policy of absolute precision."

Australia. "No facilities permitted except in accordance with Palestine immigration regulations."

Belgium. Describes means at disposal of Government to prevent immigration. No other comment.

France. Reference to direct exchange of views undertaken with British Government. No other comment.

Greece. Reference to various measures already in force in Greece. Offers to supply further particulars if desired.

Honduras. "My Government has taken note of the contents of the letter submitted by the British Representative and in this respect, I can inform His Excellency that through the efforts of the British Minister at Honduras, this Government has already addressed the Consul from Honduras in New York various times, advising him to cancel the rights of ships flying the Flag of Honduras throughout the zone between Marseilles and Palestine or which might be engaged in the illegal traffic of Jewish immigrants."

/New Zealand

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New Zealand.... "Already fulfils the request made by the United Kingdom Government"....

South Africa. "All possible steps" will be taken to avoid illegal emigration.

Venezuela. "...sincere thanks for this information which I have submitted to my Government in order to pursue the strictest vigilance on the transit and exit of Jews."

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<p>E6831 /48/G</p> <p>Mr Duff Cooper Paris 758 Dated 28 July Received 29 July</p>	<p>President Warfield</p> <p>Refo to Paris to Y55 (E6761/48/G)</p>	
<p>Last Paper. E6829</p>	<p>(Minutes.)</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i> 3/7</p>
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FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE. 57

Mr. Duff Cooper.
No. 758.

D. 5.45 p.m. 28th July 1947.

28th July 1947.

R. 7.30 p.m. 28th July 1947.

Repeated to Marseilles.

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IMMEDIATE.

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My telegram No.755.

President Warfield.

Minister for Foreign Affairs was absent from Paris this morning so I called on M. Chauvel and protested very vigorously against the French proposal that M. Blumel should be allowed to go aboard the ships bringing the refugees. I said that we had reason to hope that the immigrants would agree to go ashore if they were not subjected to Zionist propaganda. It therefore seemed to me that to allow M. Blumel who was at the head of all the Zionist organisations in France to go speak to those people was deliberately to encourage them to refuse to go ashore and that nothing could be done which was more likely to provoke an incident of the kind that I was sure that both our Governments wished to avoid.

2. I went on to complain of the lack of assistance we had received from the Press Section of the Quai D'Orsay and the failure of any French newspaper to produce the true facts of the case. In this respect "Le Monde" notoriously under the influence of the Quai D'Orsay, had been as bad as any other paper. We on the other hand in our desire to avoid injuring Anglo-French relations had refrained from stating the full facts and showing how badly the French Government had behaved in breaking their word both in regard to the careful scrutiny of visas and in regard to the enforcement of regulations affecting the safety of life at sea. I said that since I had been in France no incident had occurred in which the French Government had shown such a complete absence of goodwill and lack of any spirit of co-operation. I said that I was sorry to have to say this to him because I knew that he and his Minister had been anxious to help us and had done what they could.

3. M. Chauvel promised to see what could be done and suggested that it might be arranged for M. Blumel to address all the immigrants after they had landed. I said that I did not mind who addressed them once they were ashore.

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FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Duff Cooper D. 10.37 p.m. 28th July, 1947
No. 761 R. 11.50 p.m. 28th July, 1947
28th July, 1947

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IMMEDIATE

Following received from Bordeaux telegram No. 21
28th July.

[Begins]

Secret

Your telegram No. 51.

Both ships in question have taken aboard a
supply of barbed wire and it is reported a member of one
of the crews stated when drunk that ships intended
to carry Jews to Palestine.

2. The local agent states that no (repeat no)
passengers will embark at Bayonne.

3. Please repeat to Foreign Office.

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Sir H. Mack

Vienna

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Dated 28 July
Received 29 July

Jews attempting to cross into
Italy from British zone
of Austria

Refs to Rome to 1582 (E6589/48/C)

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Suspect ships in French ports

Mr Greenway
Panama
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Refs to F.O (E) 85 (E6697/48/G)

Dated 28 July
Received 29 July

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(Minutes.)
Paris tell me that the Panamanian Legation
there have requested recommended their
Govt. to cancel registration.
Telegram sent to Panama asking
H.M. Minister to support this

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FROM PANAMA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Greenway
No. 80.
July 28th, 1947.

D. 1.30 p.m. July 28th, 1947.
R. 9.21 p.m. July 28th, 1947.

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Foreign Office please pass to Paris and Bordeaux.

Your telegram No. 85.

New confirm Panamanian registration of both ships. Ministry of Foreign Affairs [? omission] though they had previously denied that of the Northlands. They telegraphed to Paris on July 26th instructing the Legation to investigate charge of illegal traffic and report immediately with a view to cancelling registration if charge can be proved.

I pressed them to instruct Paris to hold up departure from Bayonne pending examination of evidence but they feel unable to do this.

[Repeated to Paris and Bordeaux.]

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Telegram.
 No. 87.
 (Date) July 30
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your telegram no. 80 [of 28th July: Jewish illegal immigration]
 H.M. Embassy Paris report that Panamanian Legation there have telegraphed their Govt. recommending withdrawal of Panamanian registration from "NORTHLANDS" and "PADUCAH".
 2. Please make urgent representations in support of this recommendation and impress upon Panamanian Govt. the importance of acting quickly. "NORTHLANDS" has been arrested by

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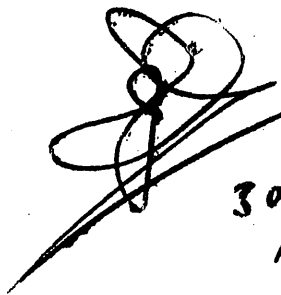
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65 by French authorities as security for fines incurred by "Resident Warfield", but owners are expected to pay promptly and thus obtain release.


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PANAMA

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Telegram.

No. 88
(Date) Aug 5th.

Repeat to :-

PARIS No 1539 ^{Saw} ~~539~~

BORDEAUX No 20

ROME (Saw) No 43
MADRID (Saw) No 59
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3148 W. 26469/137 50m 9/46 (61) F.&S.

My telegram to Panama (not to all addresses) no. 87 [of 30th July: Jewish illegal immigration]

"PADUCAH" sailed from BAYONNE on 4th August. "NORTHLANDS" is still there.

2. H. M. Embassy Paris report that Panamanian Legation there have received telegram from their Govt. asking for proof that these two ships intend to engage in the illegal immigration traffic.

3. Please point out to Panamanian Govt. that proof can never be supplied until ship has reached Palestine, when intervention of Panamanian Govt. would be too late. Any help action, if it is to be effective, must be taken on suspicion.

4. although we still want /Panamanian

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67 Panamanian registry withdrawn from both ships, case of "NORTHLANDS" is now obviously the most urgent and important.

5. Our case against "NORTHLANDS" is very strong. In addition to details given in my telegram no. 85, she has taken barbed wire on board, obviously for defense against boarding. Her 500 life-saving appliances and 80 tons provisions clearly show her intention to violate provisions of International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea by taking $1\frac{1}{2}$ passengers per net ton or twenty times ~~max~~ maximum ratio permitted for troopships.

6. You should emphasize that, even apart from her other illegal activities, such over-loading would only bring discredit upon Panamanian flag and thus constitute sufficient reason for withdrawal of registration.

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DEPARTMENTAL No. 1

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO PANAMA

No. 88 D. 1. 00 a.m. 6th August, 1947.
5th August, 1947.

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Bordeaux	20	
Rome	243	Saving
Madrid	59	Saving
Lisbon	59	Saving

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reached Palestine, when intervention of Panamanian
Government would be too late. Action, if it is
to be effective, must be taken on suspicion.

4. Although we still want Panamanian registry
withdrawn from both ships, case of "Northlands" is
now obviously the most urgent and important.

5. Our case against "Northlands" is very
strong. In addition to details given in my tele-
gram No. 85, she has taken barbed wire on board,
obviously for defence against boarding. Her 500
life-saving appliances and 80 tons provisions clearly
show her intention to violate provisions of Inter-
national Convention for Safety of Life at Sea by
taking 1½ passengers per net ton or twenty times
maximum ratio permitted for troopships.

6. You should emphasize that, even apart
from her other illegal activities, much overloading
could only bring discredit upon Panamanian flag and
of itself constitutes sufficient reason for with-
drawal of registration.

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AMENDMENT SLIP

DEPARTMENTAL No. 1.

Telegram No. 45 from Bordeaux to Foreign
Office of 28th July, 1947.

Paragraph 3, last sentence. Please read:-

"The licences forbid (repeat forbid) them
to carry passengers".

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT.

31st July, 1947.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.72

FROM BORDEAUX TO FOREIGN OFFICE

His Majesty's Consul
No. 45

D. 7.00 p.m. 28th July,
1947.
R. 8.25 a.m. 29th July,
1947.

28th July, 1947.

SECRET *///* *E6859*

Your telegram No. 14.

Jewish illegal immigration. *30 JUN 1947*

Work on both ships at Bayonne has been held up and will not now be finished before July 31st; it is expected that they will sail immediately afterwards.

2. On July 25th the French authorities put a seizure of ten million francs on Northlands in retaliation for illegal departure of President Warfield; it is thought owners will easily find the necessary money and that seizure will not retard sailing.

3. My Panamanian colleague visited these two ships on July 25th and he informs me that they are both on Panama registry and that they have Panama licenses; that of Northlands is No. 877 issued at New York on April 22nd, 1947; that of Paducah is No. 2 issued at Miami on May 8th, 1947. The licenses [?gp.omitted] them to carry [gp.omitted?passengers].

4. Foreign Office please repeat to Paris.

[Repeated to Paris Saving.]

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President Warfield

Situation at Port de Bouc

Mr Juff Cooper
Paris
764

Dated 29 July
Received 30 July

Last Paper.

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References.

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30 JUN 1947 DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

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FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Duff Cooper.
No. 764.

D. 6.46 p.m. 29th July 1947.

29th July 1947.

R. 8.10 p.m. 29th July 1947.

Repeated to: Jerusalem;
Marseilles and
C.-in-C. Mediterranean.

W:W:W:W

MOST IMMEDIATE.

LIGHT.

Foreign Office please repeat to C.-in-C.
Mediterranean and to Jerusalem as my telegram No.24.

President Warfield.

The French press are making the most of the situation that now exists at Port de Bouc which is as I ventured to foretell (see my telegram No.745) Most unedifying. It must now be apparent that to attempt to land the emigrants by force without French co-operation and in face of the hostility of the population is not a practicable operation and I therefore recommend most strongly that the ships be withdrawn with the least possible delay.

The fact that the French Government has behaved very badly does not affect the situation that has arisen and it is a fact which will require time to impress upon the French people. Meanwhile all the odium is being incurred by His Majesty's Government.

[Copies sent to War Registry Admiralty for repetition to C.-in-C. Mediterranean and to Telegraph Section Colonial Office for repetition to Jerusalem.]

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<p>Mr Kay Marseille 109</p> <p>Dated 29 July Received 30 July</p>	<p>President Warfield</p> <p>Refs to Marseille to 107</p>	
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FROM MARSEILLES TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Kay
No. 109

July 29th, 1947.

D. 2.45 a.m. July 30th, 1947.
R. 6. 0 a.m. July 30th, 1947.

Repeated to Paris.

JJJ

MOST IMMEDIATE

SECRET

My telegram No. 107: "President Warfield".

Second and third transports were visited during the afternoon with the same results. Procedure of Committee was also similar but on second transport they got rather out of hand and mingled with immigrants, this led to exchange of questions and answers and Sub-Prefect asked a few selected immigrants specifically whether they wished to come to France. After some wavering they were intimidated by others into refusing.

2. On the strength of this and the fact that there had been mass refusal to land by all three transports Sub-Prefect and Committee affected to believe that none would land voluntarily. Military Commander asked for landing craft and doctors to stand by one of the transports tomorrow morning but Sub-Prefect flatly refused saying that in the circumstances he could take no further action without instructions from Paris.

3. This is sheer obstruction since Officer Commanding troops is satisfied that with no further outside interference a certain number of volunteers would land tomorrow. We strongly protested that mass refusal was merely a sign of hysteria and intimidation and was no proof whatever that no one would land; but the French authorities were adamant that they could not do more without instructions. I hope therefore that His Majesty's Ambassador at Paris will intervene urgently so that the necessary instructions are sent to the local authorities to continue to provide the agreed facilities for the operation.

4. As stated, however, in my telegram under reference, the real point still remains whether the French can be induced to co-operate in some use of force without which we fear there will be relatively few disembarkations.

5. Above is not (repeat not) agreed textually with Officer Commanding troops who is not at present available here.

F.O. please repeat MOST IMMEDIATE to C.-in-C. Mediterranean.
[Copies sent to Admiralty for repetition to C.-in-C. Mediterranean.]

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J.G.S.B.

~~Draft.~~
~~Marseilles.~~

Telegram.

No. 100

Dated. ~~July 29~~

Repeat to:

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Departmental No. 1

Copy to:

I. I. P.

Mr Higham
agrees for
I.I.P. sent at
Chief's request
J.B.

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July, 1947

Despatched ~~8 40 21~~ M

IMPORTANT

Jewish illegal immigration.

We understand that the British transports will run out of victuals for the Jewish illegal immigrants on July 30th. The French authorities have offered to provide food and lodging for these people ^{ashore}. We cannot arrange for further victuals to be provided on board and this should be made clear to ^{all} parties.

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I.P.G. 30/7
Draft. Eastn. Dept.

To: H.M. Ambassador
Paris

~~For S. of S. for~~
Telegram. East:

No. 1941

(Date) 30 July 47

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C.I.C. Mediterra-
near
~~B.M.E.O. Cairo~~
~~C.I.C.~~
M.E.L.F. 2

by T.P.
~~in claim by telephone~~
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clear that we
cannot upon them
to become their
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admitting non-volunteers
either at Port de

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preferable at some
other port.

P. J.
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F. O.,

30 July 1947

Despatched 11/10 July 47M.

~~MOST IMMEDIATE~~

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Your telegram No. 764 and Marseilles
telegrams Nos. 107 and 109 [of July 29th;
"President Warfield"/.

I attach the utmost importance to the
disembarkation of the passengers from the three
vessels. ~~and cannot agree to the withdrawal of the~~
~~ships as you suggest.~~ It is therefore essential
that the French Authorities should give sufficient
co-operation to make it possible to carry out the
operation.

2. I shall be glad, therefore, if you will
now make the strongest possible representations
to the French Government and request them to send
urgent/instructions to the ~~local authorities~~ ^{sub-prefect}
to co-operate in disembarking volunteers and non-
volunteers alike. ~~and to ensure that these instructions are carried out.~~ You should refer back to the
undertaking which Mr. Bidault gave me that the
Jews would be taken back into France, ~~and~~ ^(Paris telegram no: 682) emphasise
that this undertaking has, in fact, been nullified
by the attitude of the local authorities which,
as Marseilles telegram No. 109 shows, has amounted
so far to sheer obstruction. Press reports
state, moreover, that, contrary to the assurance
which the French Government gave that no ~~unauthor-~~ ^{small}
ised craft would be allowed near the ships, a
Maganah launch, fitted with loudspeakers, was
permitted to approach the convoy and incite the
passengers to refuse to disembark. This
undoubtedly had an unfortunate influence on the
passengers.

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Adm
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3. You should make it clear to the French Government that we ~~have no intention of weakening in this matter~~ ^{regard this matter as of crucial importance.} ~~and that there is no question of sending the Jews to Cyprus (still less to Palestine).~~ Some of the Jewish leaders on board are clearly trying to work up the passengers into a hysterical ~~frame~~ ^{state} of mind, and it is in the interests of the passengers themselves that the French Authorities should co-operate with us in exerting a calming influence and in helping to carry out disembarkation in as orderly a manner as possible. If the French Government refuse, it can only mean increased suffering ~~for~~ these misguided people.

4. As the French Authorities ~~cannot~~ ^{have failed to} provide tugs for the disembarkation operations, it would seem that the most satisfactory arrangement now would be for the vessels to go alongside, either in Port de Bouc or elsewhere, to carry out disembarkation, and for the French local authorities to take adequate steps to ensure the maintenance of order during disembarkation operations.

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FROM PALESTINE (General Sir A. Cunningham) 118
TO S. OF S. COLONIES.
16.42 hrs.
No. 1594 Top Secret
Addressed to the S. of S.
Referred to Paris (Secretary of State please pass
my telegram to the
Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean No. 1051.
Commander-in-Chief, M.E.L.F. No. (71052).
D.S.F.O. (Commander-in-Chief please
pass as my telegram No. 1600) all
top secret.
Your telegram No. 1600.
PRESIDENT WARFIELD.

1. Naval authorities consider present state is not (repeat not) seaworthy and that she would require dockyard repairs to make her so. Facilities for this not (repeat not) available in Palestine.

2. Commodore Palestine has called for Lloyd's survey of the vessel, but this will not be available for some time.

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FROM PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 24th July, 1947.

R. 24th " " "

15. 55 hrs.

IMPORTANT

No. 1407 Top Secret.

Addressed to S. of S.

Repeated to Paris (S. of S. please pass as my telegram No. 1041.)

- " " Commander in Chief, Mediterranean, No. 1042
- " " Commander-in-Chief, M.E.L.F. No. 1043.
- " " P.S.T.O. (C.-in-C, M.E.L.F. please pass as my telegram No. 1044).

My telegram No. 1394.

PRESIDENT WARFIELD.

Verbally expressed opinion of Lloyd's Surveyor is that ship could on no (repeat no) account be cleared for sea.

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To: Capt. D. Third Destroyer Flotilla Date: 24.7.47

Info: C-in-C Mediterranean (Afloat)
C-in-C Mediterranean (Malta).

SECRET EX.

E6863 G
30 JUN 1947

From: Admiralty

IMPORTANT.

British Embassy, Paris, are this evening discussing detailed arrangements for reception of Jews with Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It is hoped to give you port of destination soon after this meeting.

Both the Foreign Office and the French Government are anxious that all possible steps should be taken to prevent Jewish organisers ashore from inciting immigrants to active resistance. It is intended to see that there are no loud hailers or broadcasting arrangements near the point of disembarkation. You should ask O.C. Troops in the transports to take all possible steps to confiscate wireless receivers and to prevent passengers from receiving messages from shore. Foreign Office are suggesting to the French that disembarkation should take place by night. It is appreciated desirability of this depends on port selected but you and O.C. Troops may have general comments.

241614B

for Head of Military Branch.
(808)

1st Lord.
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282338A July

Date 29.7.47

From D.3.

Rec'd. 0133

SECRET BY W/T.

Addressed C in C Med (A)
info Admiralty C in C Med (M) CARDIGAN BAY

MOST IMMEDIATE.

SITREP Number 2. CARDIGAN BAY rejoined at 1900A and Colonel Gregson has been transferred to 1st ship after consultation with me.

2. Do not now consider CARDIGAN BAY's presence at Marseilles as a link necessary as Consul General will be at Port De Bouc. Your 261629 refers.
3. Result of meeting with French Committee this afternoon as follows:-
 - (A) French insist on Committee visiting each transport and distributing French Government pamphlet.
 - (B) Also insist on police and medical examination on board transports.
 - (C) French estimate four days for whole operation but I consider this a low minimum
 - (D) Anti sabotage boat patrols arranged.
4. Colonel Gregson has prepared and distributed own propaganda pamphlets which it is hoped will carry more weight than the rather half hearted offers of hospitality contained in the French one.
5. It is considered that the presence of French Officials on board preclude the use of force at any rate under present French policy of volunteers only.
6. It would appear from to-days meetings in Marseilles that Colonel Gregson will not receive very strong local support and that any on the spot decisions will have to be made by him.
7. Communications between transports Colonel Gregson and myself arranged.

282338A

Advance copy D.C., R.C.

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1st S L (3)
V C N S
A C N S
Secretary
Naval Secretary
U.S.S.
D.C.(2)

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*Sp in dept
Foreign Office
(Mr J.E. Cable)*

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032601.

From:- Military Attache Paris.

Recd:- 30 July 47.

D.T.O. 301500 A July.

To:- The War Office.

MOST IMMEDIATE.

TOP SECRET. MA/HBMA/9/21.

Personal for DMI from MA.

PARA ONE. AMA reported yesterday situation unpleasant and
Jews in dangerous mood mainly due to French Committee, and loud-
speaker propaganda.

PARA TWO. AMA has been on board today and reports situation
improved.

PARA THREE. Although morale and discipline of troops
excellent strain is great and on military grounds I consider it
advisable if practicable that ships put out to sea while new
negotiations are undertaken with French Authorities. Naval Attache
agrees and we will try to put into effect.

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Admiralty (Mr. Dodds).

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TELEGRAM FROM

No.

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Mr. J. J. Cooper

Paris

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30 July

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Return of Illegal Immigrants to France

Extracts from French press which from right to left criticises action taken in returning immigrants from President Warfield to France

Last Paper.

E6863

References.

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8) I.I.P. (E6973/84/31) 2 Aug.

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Mr. Duff Cooper D. 12.40 p.m. 30th July, 1947
No. 769
30th July, 1947. R. 2.10 p.m. 30th July, 1947

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MOST IMMEDIATE

Whole Paris press this morning from Right to extreme Left criticises British action in bringing illegal immigrants off the President Warfield back to France on grounds of inhumanity and cruelty to people who have known the horrors of a Nazi prison camp and resents that France should be dragged into the picture. Even the Brest catastrophe is overshadowed by long and violent outbursts from Port-de-Bouc.

2. The following brief extracts are representative of the general tone:

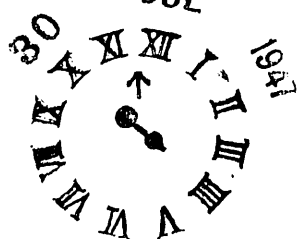
"Humanite" refers to the three British ships as a floating Auschwitz and goes on to ask what will be the fate reserved for these immigrants by the London Government for whom sentiments of humanity seem to lag far behind egotistical imperialist aims.

"Franc Tireur" says there are no longer true liberty ships but prison ships (bateaux cages) still exist.

"Populaire" after reporting refusal of the immigrants to land refers to the execution in Palestine of the three Jewish terrorists and regrets their execution coincides with the arrival of the ships off France.

"Combat" is the most indignant of all newspapers and refers to the ships as being cages for wild beasts, criticises the accommodation on board and says that these people who were in Nazi concentration camps find themselves today behind Allied barbed wire.

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2.

"Figaro" says that the incident has introduced into Anglo-French relations a tension unknown since 1945.

5. No paper refers to the conditions in which these immigrants left France and although journalists have not been allowed on board they write of the horror of these floating prisons.

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Consul-General
Marseilles

~~(via Admiralty)~~

no 101

Date. *July 29th*

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MOST IMMEDIATE.

Embassy Paris

reports that French Press is carrying stories of a considerable number of deaths on the Wanfield.

2. Embassy suggest

that you should issue a statement of facts we agree, provided through A.E.P. a
you see no objections, &

~~agree~~

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO MARSEILLES

No. 101

July 29th, 1947.

D. (Via Admiralty) July 29th, 1947.

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MOST IMMEDIATE

Embassy Paris reports that French Press is carrying stories of a considerable number of deaths on the Warfield.

2. Embassy suggest that you should issue a statement of facts through A.F.P. We agree, provided you see no objections.

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President Warfield

Mr Duff Cooper
Paris
768

Dated 30 July
Received 30 July.

Last Paper:

E6863

References.

(Print.)

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8) 11P 2 Aug
Tel) Passives 106 31 July
Rptg Paris 1757
8) 11P 2 Aug

(Minutes.)
1. After this morning's Cabinet meeting, the Secretary of State told Mr. Wright and myself that the transports should be told on no account to move without instructions from London in order that there should be no risk of the cumulative effect of waiting on the passengers being maintained. It will be seen that, in the Paris telegram within and the attached copy of a telegram from the Military Attaché to the War Office, the Assistant Military Attaché expresses the possible intention of moving the transports some way out of the port. There are, of course, arguments in favour of this course, i.e. that it would be more difficult for Jewish propagandists to reach the transports in small boats. Outside territorial waters we could presumably keep them off entirely. Nevertheless, I think that the Secretary of State's view is that nothing should be done to give the slightest impression that we are preparing to move off, and, indeed, the balance of advantage would seem to be in favour of keeping the ships where they are.

~~This is essentially a matter for the men on the spot but I think they should be given some guidance, and I attach a draft telegram in which the interested departments concur.~~

J.G.S. Beith
(J.G.S. Beith)
31st July, 1947.

Tel. sent
JB July 31

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FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Duff Cooper
No. 768

D. 12.25 a.m. 30th July, 1947

R. 1.59 p.m. 30th July, 1947

30th July, 1947

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MOST IMMEDIATE

The President Warfield.

Assistant Military Attaché telegraphs from Marseilles that military situation is serious and urgent. Jews are in dangerous mood due, in the opinion of the officer commanding the troops and himself, to French Committee, French communiqué, and loud speaker propaganda. Disembarkation by force is likely to entail serious fighting and there is danger of serious rioting on board if present uncertainty continues in oppressive heat and general discomfort.

2. Assistant Military Attaché requests that the urgency of the military situation be emphasised, although morale and discipline of troops are excellent in face of many difficulties.

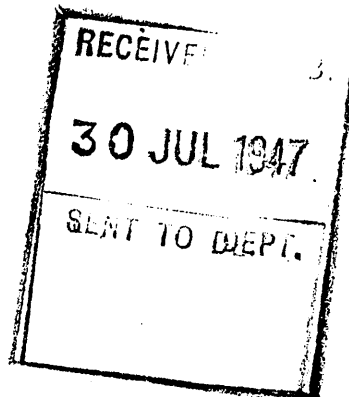
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31 July 1947

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To: Marseilles

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"President Warfield"

Telegram.

No. 106

(Date) 31st July 1947

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I.I.P.

The Military Attaché has reported to War Office that the Naval Attaché and he ^{will} ~~would~~ try to move the transports out to sea while new negotiations are undertaken with French authorities. The transports should ~~on no account, repeat on~~ ^{not repeat not} ~~be moved from their present position~~ ^{any material distance} without reference to London as ~~is felt here~~ ^{unsafe}

~~Given~~ such a move might diminish the cumulative effect of waiting in persuading the passengers to disembark voluntarily.

~~2. We recognise that there might be certain advantages in moving outside territorial waters, where propagandists' launches etc. could be kept off, but these appear to be strongly outweighed by the consideration mentioned above. Please let us have your comments.~~

2. Admiralty and War Office agree. ^{Please} ~~and you should~~ inform the Captain D.3. ~~and the O.C. troops~~ accordingly.

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No: 106
31st July, 1947.

D. 10. 2 p.m. 31st July, 1947.

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"President Warfield".

The Military Attaché has reported to War Office that the Naval Attaché and he "will try to move the transports out to sea while new negotiations are undertaken with French authorities". The transports should not (repeat not) be moved any material distance from their present position without reference to London as such a move might diminish the cumulative effect of waiting in persuading the passengers to disembark voluntarily.

2. Admiralty and War Office agree. Please inform Captain D.3.

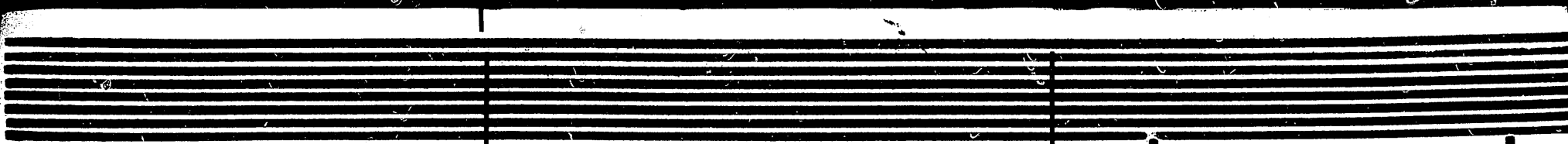
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July 30th.

S.S. President Warfield.
Rep. to Co. to 14th (E6862/48/G)
Stresses uselessness of asking
French Govt. to assist in using
force to disembark passengers.

Last Paper.

(Minutes.)

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References.

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FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Duff Cooper
No: 770
July 30th, 1947. D. 2.15 p.m. July 30th, 1947.
R. 3.50 p.m. July 30th, 1947.

Repeated to Marseilles
Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean

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MOST IMMEDIATE

Foreign Office please pass Most Immediate to
Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean.

Your telegram No. 1741. *E6862*

President Warfield.

I am quite sure that it would be useless to ask the French Government to give the necessary instructions to their officials to assist us in using force to disembark passengers. Such a decision would in any case necessitate a Cabinet meeting, and the Socialist Ministers, including the Prime Minister, feel very strongly on the subject. M. Daniel Mayer, Minister of Labour, recently informed me that M. Moch, Minister of Transport, had convinced the Cabinet that France had been in no way to blame in this matter. The press (my telegram No. 769) are unanimous in condemning Great Britain already, and the reaction throughout France to the use of violence against those who are represented as having escaped from German prison camps would be deplorable.

2. Mr. Ashley Clarke is flying to London this afternoon in order to discuss the matter. Meanwhile, I am suspending action on your telegram under reference. The result could only be that Minister for Foreign Affairs would genuinely assure me of his desire to cooperate, but also of his impotence to persuade his colleagues. We are insisting on tugs being made available to passengers who may be willing to disembark.

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FROM

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No.

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Dated

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31 July.

Return of Illegal Immigrants to France.

Amtly tel 29.324 A / July of 29/7.
Reaching of French communique in Runnymede Park produced refusals to land.

Last Paper.

E6871

References.

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Tel) Marseilles 105
Rptd) Paris 1749

30 July.
8) G.G.P. on E6793/84/31
2 Aug.

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E6812

(Minutes.)

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w.o. tel 92340 to D.3 7/30/7

" 92375 D.3 7/30/7

Mr. Bealey

31/7

(J.E.CABLE) 1/8

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w.o. tel 92424 to M.E.L.F. 31/7

JD Aug 5

G.G.P. C.C. M.E.L.F. C.C./1612 2/8

C.C. M.E.L.F. agrees that w.o. should send information and orders direct to O.C. Troops at Port de Bouc.

(J.E.CABLE) 9/8

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2913244/July

From D.3.

31 JUL 1947 Date 29.7.47.

Recd: 1632.

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Addressed: C. in C. Med. (M).
Info: C. in C. Med. (M), Admiralty.

Immediate.

Sitrep Number 4. Reading of French communique in RUNNYMEDE PARK this forenoon produced very vocal refusals and there were no repetition no volunteers to land. French are visiting remaining two transports this afternoon, but it is felt result will be same. Meanwhile every endeavour is being made to produce volunteers however few.

2. Use of force is out of question, until French agree to accept non volunteers which agreement Mr. Coulson is now trying to obtain, but this will doubtless be a lengthy business.
3. Some loudspeaker propoganda from boats has been encountered which French officials do nothing to stop.

2913244.

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1st S.L. (3)
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A.C.N.S.
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FROM: WAR OFFICE

DTO 301705 B/Jul

TO : D. 3.(through Admiralty).

Desp. 30 Jul '47

INFO: C-in-C MELF

TOP SECRET 92340 (MO4)

Request following message be passed to O.C. Troops.

ONE For your information only. Foreign Secretary has instructed Paris Embassy to make strongest possible representations to the French Government and to request them to send urgent instructions to local authorities to co-operate in disembarking volunteers and non-volunteers alike and to ensure that these instructions are carried out.

TWO Foreign Secretary has pointed out to the French Government that it is in the interests of the passengers themselves that the French authorities should co-operate with us in exerting a calming influence and in helping to carry out disembarkation in as orderly a manner as possible.

THREE It has furthermore been suggested to the French authorities that, as they cannot provide tugs for the disembarkation operations, it would seem that the most satisfactory arrangement now would be for the vessels to go alongside, either in PORT DE BOUC or elsewhere, to carry out disembarkation, and for the French local authorities to take adequate steps to ensure the maintenance of order during disembarkation operations.

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VCIGS Colonial Office (Mr Fitzgerald).
DMO Admiralty (Mr Dodds).
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FROM: War Office

DTO 302210 B/Jul

TO : D. 3.

INFO: C-in-C MELF

TOP SECRET 92375 (MO4)

Please pass following to O.C. Troops.

ONE It was decided by Ministers in London today that the JEWS
on the three vessels now at Port de Bouc will in NO circumstances
repeat NO circumstances be returned either to Palestine or Cyprus.

TWO You are authorised to let this be known among the JEWS
in whatever manner you consider best with the object of inducing
them to land in France.

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From : War Office
To : C-in-C MELF

MO 4/BM/2211

DTO 311620 B/Jul
Desp 31 Jul 47
(MO 4)

TOP SECRET

92424

Personal for C-in-C from V.C.I.G.S.

You will have seen signal 92340 (MO 4) dated 30 Jul 47
and 92357 (MO 4) dated 30 Jul 47 to O.C. Troops through D.3.
repeated to you.

We sent these to ensure that he knew the latest situation
in view of possible signal delays. Since decisions will be taken
here and may have to be acted on very quickly I suggest that in
future we should send information and any necessary instructions
direct to O.C. Troops repeating them to you. Do you agree.

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H.M. Consul-General
Marseilles

Telegram.

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(Date) 30/7

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F. O.,

~~IMPORTANT~~
~~SECRET~~

30th July 1947.

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For your guidance

instructions are
Following message is being sent

~~to pass following to O. C. Troops, and~~

~~from you should be quoted by them.~~

It has been decided that the immigrants

on the three vessels now at Port de Bouc will

in no circumstances be returned either to

Palestine or to Cyprus. O.C. Troops is You are

authorised to let this be known among the

immigrants in whatever manner you considers best.

with the object of inducing reflection on their

decision not to land in France.

2. Ultimate destination of any immigrants

who still refuse to land is under urgent con-

sideration and you will be informed of the

result at earliest possible moment.

3. In view of the difficult situation

reported by the Assistant Military Attaché

(summarised in Paris telegram No. 768 to Foreign

Office) O.C. Troops is authorised to withdraw

from Port de Bouc outside territorial waters

but not to leave the general neighbourhood until

further instructions are received.

4. Subject to local conditions you should if

practical for say five days.

5. We suggest that Cardigan Bay should

remain in Marseilles for purposes of communi-

cation.

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To :- War Office

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Your 92424(MO4) of 31st Jul. I agree.

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TELEGRAM FROM

Mr Kay

No. Marseilles

Dated 30 July

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Return of Immigrants to France

Ref F.O. let 101/E6867/46/31

Statement is being issued on good relations between troops and returning immigrants.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

FROM MARSEILLES TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Kay
No. 110

D. 5 p.m. 30th July 1947.
R. 9.55 p.m. 30th July 1947.

30th July 1947.

Repeated to Paris.

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Your telegram No. 101.

E 6867 2 dep.

We see little point in drawing attention again to what happened on "President Warfield" which is now a matter of ancient history and not attracting notice here. What the public are concerned with is any alleged incidents on the three transports returning immigrants. I am therefore issuing a statement regarding the good relations between troops and immigrants.

Please repeat to Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean.

[Copies sent to Admiralty for repetition to Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean].

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<p>E6915 148/C³¹ Hr Kay Marseille 111 Dated 30 July Received 31 July</p>	<p>Food for three transports: working by Prefecture</p>	
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FROM MARSEILLES TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Kay
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IMPORTANT.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Your telegram No. 100; Jewish Illegal Immigration.

French authorities are at present providing food and water for all three transports daily and this will continue at any rate for next three days, but Prefecture warned me this morning that this cannot continue indefinitely.

2. It is clear that future situation will depend entirely on the general attitude of the French Government to the main problem of disembarkation and that no amount of pressure will produce further food from the French authorities unless the French Government have decided to co-operate on the main issue.

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO MARSEILLES

No. 100

29th July 1947. D. 8.40 a.m. 30th July 1947.

Repeated to: Paris No. 1487 Saving.

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IMPORTANT.

Jewish illegal immigration.

We understand that the British transports will run out of victuals for the Jewish illegal immigrants on July 30th. The French authorities have offered to provide food and lodging for these people ashore. We cannot arrange for further victuals to be provided on board and this should be made clear to all parties.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

22nd July 1947

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30 JUL 1947

Ref: G124/ /47

S E C R E T

Dear Department,

Would you please refer to our Secret letter G177/-/47 of 10th July about Pandelis and Jewish illegal immigration. We have received a letter from the Consulate General at San Francisco to say that the tanker J.J. CONEY arrived in Portland, Oregon, on July 10th, and was still in that port on July 17th. San Francisco promised to report future movements.

Yours ever,

CHANCERY

S.A.

Eastern Department,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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BRITISH EMBASSY.
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

24th July 1947

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SECRET

Dear Department,

Would you please refer to our Secret letter G124/-/47 of the 22nd July about the tanker J.J. CONEY (Jewish illegal immigration).

We have just received a further letter from San Francisco informing us that according to the San Francisco Shipping Guide this vessel is still in Portland, Oregon, has been renamed the ST. MORITZ and is loading for South America and Italy.

Yours ever,

CHANCERY

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Eastern Department,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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E 6965

PALESTINE

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Chancery

Athens

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26 July

1 Aug.

Great Co-operation in Presentation of 119
Illegal Immigration.

Transmits copy of Projet-de loi,
modifying decree 1746, which is
is proposed to put before the
Greek government.

Last Paper.

E 6928.

References.

E 6361/48/9

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E 6966

(Minutes.)

Please see E 6361/48/6 and action
thereon.

This has, if amended as suggested
in E 6966, would certainly be welcome.
The provision for confiscation, drastic as
it sounds, will not, however, act as
much of a deterrent, since all
illegal immigrant ships are liable
to confiscation by the Palestinian
authorities.

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BRITISH EMBASSY

ATHENS

26th July 1947

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E 6965

1 AUG 1947

Dear Department,

Please refer to paragraph three of our letter to you No. 46/260/47 of the 12th July about Greek co-operation in the prevention of Jewish illegal immigration.

Our Legal Adviser has now studied the draft of the new legislation, and he has said that he considers it to be satisfactory with the exception of one passage for which he has suggested an amendment. We are therefore putting this amendment to the Greeks, and we enclose a copy of our Note on the subject. We also send you a copy of the draft law and a copy of the law of 1939 to which it refers.

Yours ever,

Chancery.

Eastern Department,
The Foreign Office,
S. W. 1.

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Greek Co-operation in Prevention of
Illegal Immigration

Encloses copy of note, putting new
draft of new legislation before
the Greeks.

Last Paper.

E 6965

References.

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✓ 18 Aug.

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Please see also: E 6361/48/6
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BRITISH EMBASSY, ¹²⁴

ATHENS

His Britannic Majesty's Embassy present their compliments to the Royal Hellenic Ministry for Foreign Affairs and, with reference to the Note No. 31454 which the Ministry were good enough to address to them on the 2nd July, have the honour to state that they have studied with interest the draft law which has now been tabled with the Chamber of Deputies and which has as its object to modify and complete Decree Law No. 1746 of the 25th May 1939.

His Majesty's Embassy fear that the last paragraph of the new draft law leaves a loophole by which a shipowner who, for example, sells his ship "irregularly" (that is, without registering the sale with the authorities) may escape the penalty of confiscation of his ship. His Majesty's Embassy therefore venture to suggest to the Royal Ministry that it would be advantageous to amend the passage in question to read:

"Toutefois seront exemptés de toute mesure de confiscation les navires, petits bateaux ou embarcations quelconques irrégulièrement acquis par la personne coupable du transport illicite, si il est établi que telle acquisition a été effectuée sans le consentement du propriétaire légitime. Dans ce cas... etc."

While expressing their very real appreciation of the readiness with which the Royal Hellenic Government have been good enough to respond to this request on the part of His Majesty's Government, the Embassy venture to express the hope that the Royal Ministry will use their good offices with a view to securing the passage of this legislation as soon as possible.

His Majesty's Embassy avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the Royal Hellenic Ministry for Foreign Affairs the assurance of their highest consideration.

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Refoulement of immigrants
Reports that causes of refoulement
occurred in 1939.

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ceased & the captain of the vessel was left to make his way back to his original port of departure. On reaching that port he was ~~left~~^{faced} with the problem of getting rid of his passengers. In some cases foreign nationals remained on the ship, ~~in~~ as they had been refused permission to land, and it was assumed that they might have been more successful in landing in Palestine when the vessel made its next run.

It is true that the Roumanian port - it was chiefly from Roumanian ports that the illegal runs were made - agreed to accept back Jews of proved Roumanian nationality or Roumanian domicile, but I can see nothing in the file to suggest that any country was left to dispose of all the passengers on a vessel which had sailed from one of its ports (refoulement).

In some cases all the passengers ^{were}

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were ~~allowed~~ ^{permitted} to land in Palestine, and
 but those who were deportable, i.e.
 those whose nationality ~~was~~ was
 established, were then deported. The
 remainder were allowed to remain &
 counted against the immigration quota
 for the period in question.

W. Fene
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Thank you very much. I am afraid
 you are right and that our action in
 1939 affords no real precedent for
 what we are doing to-day.

[Signature]
 S. E. CABLE
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For "repayment from [gp.undec.?Middle East]
stores", please read "repayment from
Ministry of Transport stores".

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5th August, 1947.

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Mr. Duff Cooper. D. 7.17 p.m. 31st July, 1947.
No. 89. R. 8.25 p.m. 31st July, 1947.
31st July, 1947.

Repeated to Foreign Office No. 776

MOST IMMEDIATE.

President Warfield.

On our intervention M. Ramadier yesterday evening had instructions sent to Marseilles that barges be sent alongside transports in attempt to lure Jews off, and that these and all other facilities provided initially by French authorities be maintained.

2. Please repeat via Admiralty to Cardigan Bay.

[Copies sent to War Registry Admiralty for repetition to Cardigan Bay].

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